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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ABRATED WATERS.

I HAVE been appointed AGENT in Kowloon for the sale of the celebrated ABRATED WATERS manufactured by A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. These waters are sold at the same prices as had at my shop in Kowloon at the same prices that are charged in Hongkong.

H. RUTTENBERG,
21 & 23 Elgin Road,
Kowloon.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 122

CHRONICLE & DIRECTORY.

HONGKONG PAGES.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS for Hongkong cannot be received after Noon, TO-DAY.

ADVERTISEMENTS. The sooner copy for these is sent in the more time there will be to display them effectively.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 110

LOST.

A BUNCH OF KEYS. On Monday Afternoon, probably on the Road near Kowloon City. Finder will be rewarded \$5 on returning same to the Office of the Daily Press.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 121

NOTICE.

WILL the Gentleman who LOST GOLD RING GLASSES overboard from the Steamer "HONGKONG" at Canton call on board and see Second Officer, STEVENS.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 123

NOTICE.

FROM this date Mr. F. W. MALL has no longer any connection with MESSRS. GEORGE STEVENS & CO. or myself.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1900. 123

WANTED.

EUROPEAN CLERK, thorough knowledge of Imports and General Business required. Apply by letter to

L. S. C.,
Care of Office of this Paper,
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 123

JUBILEE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, TOMORROW NIGHT (THURSDAY), at 8 o'clock. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 125

VICTORIA LODGE.

No. 1025, HONGKONG.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, TOMORROW NIGHT (THURSDAY), at 8 o'clock. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 124

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1900, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1899.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 129

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1900, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1899.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 130

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"
Captain P. H. B. B. will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 3rd inst., at 5 p.m. This steamer has superior accommodation for First class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. 118

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FUOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"
Captain Rensch, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 4th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAPELLE & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 132

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HANGHOW,"
Captain Bence, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 4th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 133

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"LOOSOK,"
Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 5th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 126

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APER,"
Captain J. G. O'Brien, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 9th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. 119

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Taking Cargo at London rates.

THE Company's Steamship

"DARDANUS,"
Captain Steves, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 12th inst.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. 73

UNITED STATES & CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"INDRAPURA,"
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods have been landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 7th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fine Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 14th inst. otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1900. 119

ENTERTAINMENT

CITY HALL.

A GRAND BOXING CONTEST

IN AID OF THE

TRANSVAAL WAR FUND

With the kind approval of

His Excellency the GOVERNOR

SIR HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, G.C.M.G.

I BEG to inform the Public of Hongkong that the Royal Navy has thrown the challenge to the Royal Army for the Heavy, Middle, and Light Championships of Hongkong. The programme will consist of one Heavy weight, one Middle weight, and one Light weight contest for the championship of the Far East. This boxing contest will be one of the grandest and greatest contests ever exhibited in the Far East. The challenges were given by Gold Medal with a side stake of Five hundred Dollars (\$500). The prizes will be presented before the contest takes place. The contest will be for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the Transvaal War. The boxing band will also be in attendance, and this contest will be entirely under new management. The contest will be held at the Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon. We hope that the public of Hongkong will not forget to patronize this grand contest, which is TO-DAY, January 3rd, 1900.

Reserved Seats can be had at the Robinson Place Co.

E. HORWITZ,
Hongkong, 28th December, 1899. 3235

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AUCTIONS.

PONIES, PONIES, PONIES.

A CONSIGNMENT OF EIGHT

GRIFPINS having arrived from the North they will be sold by

PUBLIC AUCTION

near the

GRAND STAND,

THIS MORNING (WEDNESDAY),

the 3rd January, at 5 o'clock a.m.

The Ponies are on View at Mr. Kennedy's Causway Bay Repository, and by permission of the STEWARDS will be daily exercised on the Race Course between the hours of 6 and 8 a.m.

HUGHES & HUGHES,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. 89

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 710.

THE following Part of Sale of

CROWN LAND & PUBLIC AD-

DITION, to be held at the Office of the Public Works Department, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 3rd day of JANUARY, 1900, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 16th December, 1899. 3227

Particulars of the Lotting by Public Auction

SALE, to be held THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 3rd day of JANUARY, 1900, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, at Jardine's Bazaar, East Point, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal, at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor to His Majesty the Queen, for one further term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No. 1.

Boundary Measurements.

Area.

Remarks.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

SATURDAY,

the 6th January, 1900, at 2.30 p.m., at the Residence of CAPTAIN TREVELYAN, A.E.D., "DUNOTTAR," The Peak.

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Comprising—

TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE, TEA SET, BEDROOM DINING WARE, and CHINA, Dressing Room, IRON BEDSTEADS, WASHSTAND, POILS, LACE CURTAINS, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, ELECTRIC PLATED WARE, COOKING RANGE and UTENSILS, &c., &c.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HUGHES,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. 90

PUBLIC COMPANY

THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 15th January, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 13th January, both days inclusive.

MEYER & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. 92



CHAMPAGNES.

PAUL DOMMERIE & Co.
C. H. DARGONNE & Co.
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DANSON, PERE ET FILS.
PIPER-HEIDSIECK (Gold Foil).
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VERY soft, palatable, and mature.

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Bedroom Accommodation—133 rooms.

Fire Extinguishing Mains on every floor.

CHIEFS MODERATE. 144

PEAK HOTEL

AND

CRAIGIEBURN.

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A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL of 45 Beds.

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Special Attention paid to the Comfort of Guests.

Cuisine excellent; under Experienced Management.

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A FONSECA, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1899. 146

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Finest Brands of Wines, Spirits, and Beers.

BILLIARDS.

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S. J. GRANVILLE, Proprietor.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1899. 12634

KOWLOON CITY HOTEL.

M. B. JOODOCK begs to notify the Public that he has

NOTICES OF FIRMS

WE Have This Day admitted Mr.
HENRY ADOLPHUS WARRE
LADE & PARTNER in one Firm in Hong-
kong and Foochow. GILMAN & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1900. 105

NOTICE.

M^R. ALBRECHT SANDER has been

Authorized to SIGN our Firm PER
OCCUPATION.
SANDER, WIELER & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1900. 104

NOTICE.

WE Have This Day ADMITTED
PARTNERS in our Firm:—
MR. MAX NICLASSEN, and

Mr. RUDOLPH LEMKE,
and we have Authorised to jointly Sign our
Firm for the Pro rata :
Mr. FRITZ LIEB, and
Mr. ERNST DELBANO.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1900. 106

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. H. P. WADMAN
has been Appointed ACTING SECRETARY.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. S. GARFIT,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1990. 107

FURNISHED HOUSE
WANTED.
X. X.
Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 20th December 1899. 68

WANTED.
ANY time before March 31st. **EX-**
PERIENCED - **MAN**, capable of
TAKING CHARGE of Flourishing Business,
 good Salary.
 Address, in confidence, by letter,
 A. B. C.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. 91

WANTED.

A MIDDLE SIZED GODOWN from
February 1st.

Reply to "P"
Manager, Office of this Paper

Hongkong, 14th December, 1891. 67

BICYCLES! BICYCLES!

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BICYCLE. Double Tyres, unturned adjustable

handles, plunger brake. We can guarantee these Bicycles.

WM. SCHMIDT & CO.,
SOLE AGENTS.
Hongkong, 11th November, 1899. 111

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Hongkong 4th October 1899
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GUNPOWDER.
Apply to **LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**
Hongkong, 1st November, 1899.
BEKANNTMACHUNG.

DIE EINTRAGUNGEN in das Handelsregister sowie anderwärtige Bekanntmachungen des Kaiserlichen Konsulate werden im Jahre 1900 durch die Zeitungen "DI OBTASIATISCHE LEYD" in Shanghai und "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" in Hongkong veröffentlicht werden.
Canton den 27. December, 1899.
DER VERWALTUNG DES KAISERLICHEN KONSULATS

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KONSUMATS;
ZIMMERMANN.

NOTICE is hereby given that a certain
SILARE CERTIFICATE numbered
2737 for 100 Shares in the HONGKONG AND
KOWLOON WHARF AND COLDWATER COMPANY
LIMITED, has been issued fraudulently and
without the authority of the said Company.

ALL PERSONS therefore are hereby
warned against purchasing or otherwise dealing
with the said Share Certificate.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary,
The Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown
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The RIVER WAR, an Historical Account of the Campaigns of the Second, by WILSON SPENCER. Illustrated by Angus-McNeill. 2 vols. 1/1.
The YANGTZE VALLEY and BR. YON, an Account of Journeys in China, Gladly in the Province of Szechuan, and among the Mountains of the same Territory, by Mrs. J. E. BISHOP (Isabella L. Bird), with Map and Illustrations. 7/6.
The GREAT WALL OF CHINA, by Lord Charles Grosvenor. 7/6.
The TIMES ATLAS, 1890 Edition, Contains 7 New Maps of Africa, a Complete Geographical Companion to the Newspapers. Strongly Bound in Morocco. 22/5.
A PRISONER OF THE KHALEEFA, 12 Years Captivity at Omdurman, by Charles Nisbald, with Portraits and Plans. 3/6.
The BRITISH ARMY, by a Lieut. Colonel in the British Army, with 27 Full Page Illustrations. Bound in Cloth. 7/6.
Solutions of the Queen by Thomas Wyndham. 1/5.
Association Football, by N. L. Jackson and others. Illustrated. 3/6.
The Lewis Carroll Portraits. A Selection from Unpublished Writings and Drawings. 3/6.
Life and Letters of Lewis Carroll, by Stuart Dallas Collingwood. 2/6.

NEW BOOKS.

The Life of Professor Henry Drummond, by P. Smith. 3/6.
Tuan, Slave and Emperor, by K. G. Nelson. Illustrated. 1/5.
Gals' Gossip, by A. M. Binstock (the Pink 'N' Pitcher). 2/6.
Rosa and Chrysanthemum, by Carlton Dowd. 2/6.
In Gheddy Japan, by Lafadai Hearn. 3/6.
Stalky & Co., by Rudyard Kipling. 1/5.
Cold Steel, by M. P. Sidel. 1/5.
Signs of the Night, by Max Pemberton. 1/5.
Old Court Days, by Louis Beale. 1/5.
The Progress of Pauline Kessler, by F. Carroll. 1/5.
The Tale of a Sea Wall, by F. T. Bullen. 1/5.
Mimosa of the Balcany, by A. E. W. Mason. 1/5.
A Bitter Vintage, by K. Douglas King. 1/5.
Winning Magazine, Kana No. 1. 7/6.
TRANSVAAL WAR MAP. 3/6.
THE ANGLO-CHINESE DATE BLOCK. 7/6.

THE CHINA COASTERS' TIDE BOOK.

1890, 3/6.
NAUTICAL POCKET MANUAL. 3/6.

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PHOENIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES OF INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO., Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office, Hongkong 17th August, 1887. 127

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Founded 1710.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents. 126

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPELLE.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents. 96

HANSEATIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

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HAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., Agents. 1112

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THE BANK OF CHINA AND JAPAN, LIMITED.

WORKING CAPITAL, over £200,000.

RESERVE FUND, fully £200,000.

HEAD OFFICE: 36, MARK LANE, LONDON, ENGLAND.

Branches: Hongkong, Shanghai, Singapore, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Peking, Bombay, and Calcutta.

General Manager—P. C. BRUCE.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts 2 1/2 %

Fixed Deposits 3 months 3 %

Do 6 months 3 1/2 %

Do 12 months 4 %

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and all documents general Banking business with the above places.

CHANTREY, INCORPORATED.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1890. 123

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED, Yen 24,000,000.

CAPITAL PAID UP, Yen 12,000,000.

CAPITAL UNPAID, Yen 12,000,000.

RESERVE FUND, Yen 7,500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS.

Tokyo, Kobe, Nagasaki, Yokohama, Osaka, Kyoto, Fukuoka, and other places in Japan.

LONDON BANKERS: THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

PARIS BANK, LIMITED.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5 1/2 % per annum.

On 3 months 4 1/2 %

On 6 months 5 %

S. CHOW, Hongkong Manager. 1787

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND, £11,000,000.

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BANK.

BANK OF TAIWAN (FORMOSA), LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER).

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, Yen 5,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, Yen 1,250,000.

HEAD OFFICE—TAINPEI, FORMOSA.

Branches: Tainpei, Keelung, Suifu, and other places in Taiwan.

Branches and Agents: Tokyo, Osaka, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, and other places in Japan.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE SHIP "KARLSRUHE".

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.

The above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that the cargo, with the exception of Opium, Tea, and other goods, will be landed at their risk in the Godown of the Hongkong and Shanghai Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon, TO-DAY.

All claims must be made before the 11th January, at 10 o'clock, and damaged goods to be claimed before the 11th January, at 10 o'clock.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NEWS VIA AUSTRALIA.

DISASTER TO A LIFEBOAT.

The Aliborough lifeboat capsized in a gale off the coast of Suffolk yesterday. Six of the crew were drowned, and the remainder, numbering 12, were rescued with difficulty.

BRITISH TRADE.

London, 8th December. The Board of Trade returns for November have been published. They show that the value of the imports had increased by £2,175,997, and the value of the exports had increased by £2,751,733, as compared with the imports and exports for the corresponding month of last year. Included in the increase of exports is a sum representing the value of new ships not embraced in the amount for the corresponding month of the preceding year.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.

London, 8th December. Mr. Duckson, a Conservative, has been elected unopposed to the House of Commons for the Wells Division of Somersetshire.

GERMANY.—THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NAVY.

London, 7th December. Prince Hohenzollern, the Imperial Chancellor of Germany, has issued a decree repealing the recent prohibition against the union of political societies in the Empire.

This action has, it is understood, been taken with the view of propitiating the Reichstag, and to induce the chamber to regard the Navy Increase Bill in a favourable light.

INTERFERING WITH THE BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE.

London, 8th December. Admiral Dupont, of the French Navy, declared in a recent statement that the French Navy was ready and able to bring many *Albatross* against the British, thereby interfering with Great Britain's mercantile marine.

DEATH OF AN IRISH JUDGE.

London, 8th December. The death is announced of Mr. Justice O'Brien, the judge who tried the Irish "Invincibles" in 1883.

MASSACRES IN ARMENIA.

London, 8th December. A Renter's message states that Kurdish atrocities have taken place in Armenia. The Kurds pillaged the village of Kestur and massacred three hundred of the inhabitants.

MADAME MELBA IN BERLIN.

London, 8th December. Madame Melba yesterday appeared in the opera of "Lucia di Lammermoor" at Berlin. The Emperor and Empress of Germany were present. The performance was most successful. It was declared that never had such enthusiasm been displayed at a Berlin theatre.

INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTS CORPORATION.

London, 8th December. Mr. Justice Wright, who investigated the affairs of the Industrial Contracts Corporation, has exonerated from blame the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Alfred James Newton, and his co-directors.

THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

London, 6th December. The United States Congress was opened yesterday.

President McKinley's message to Congress occupies eighteen columns in the newspapers, and is pronounced timely and colourless.

The message states that, apart from the negotiations for the determination of the boundary of Alaska, the relations of the United States with Great Britain are most friendly, although an entangling alliance would be avoided. If Congress would not authorise the Government to lay down a cable from San Francisco to Manila private competition in cable laying would be encouraged.

Turkey had been warned that the situation of American citizens in the Ottoman Empire was unsatisfactory.

The message concluded by stating that it was impossible for the United States to abandon the Philippines.

AUSTRIAN FRIENDSHIP FOR ENGLAND.

London, 3rd December. Count A. Goluchowski, the Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs, in an optimistic speech, stated that the general outlook in Continental politics inspired confidence. He expressed the hope that the South African conflict would remain localised, and said that Austria stood on the footing of her old and undisturbed friendship for England.

FRENCH AND GERMAN ATTACKS ON THE QUEEN.

London, 6th December. A ribald anti-British song, which concluded with a gross insult to her Majesty the Queen, has been seized in Paris by the police.

A number of German caricatures of the Queen have been seized in Paris.

PRESENT STRENGTH OF THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Sir Redvers Buller, the Commander-in-Chief, who is marching from Frere to the relief of Ladysmith, has 23,000 men under his command, including volunteers.

Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen, who is at Modder River, where he is repairing the railway bridge prior to moving towards Kimberley, has a force of 10,000 men.

Lieutenant-General Sir W. F. Gatacre, who is in command of the Third Division of the Army Corps, in the eastern province of Cape Colony, has a force of 6,000 men.

Major-General J. D. F. French, who recently effected a successful reconnaissance between Naauw and De Aar, when a portion of the New South Wales Lancers were engaged, is in charge of 3,000 men.

The maintenance of railway and telegraphic communication between De Aar and Grasspan, on the route to Kimberley, necessitates the employment of 8,000 troops.

DISLOCATION OF THE BRITISH PLANS.

London, 1st December. The reinforcements which are being made to the British forces in South Africa are the result of the dislocation of the plans, caused by the isolated movements of the troops.

The original plan of a general concerted advance has fallen through and has been abandoned.

REINFORCEMENTS.

London, 6th December. The big guns and the necessary supplies for the British division under Lieut.-General Lord Methuen have arrived in Cape Colony.

A battery of Horse Artillery and the 12th Lancers have reinforced Lord Methuen.

Mr. Joseph Powell-Williams, Financial Secretary to the War Office, has officially stated that the total number of British troops ordered for service in South Africa is 105,770.

This number includes the forces actively engaged, those en route to Cape Colony, and those ordered for service.

A heavy siege train, with an enormous quantity of ammunition for use in the British attack on Pretoria, has been despatched by the Tantalus Castle.

Two battalions of artillery, and other reinforcements, have reached Major-General Sir W. F. Gatacre, commanding the Third Division of the British Army Corps.

The advance of the division is hampered by the spread of the rebellion in the northern portion of Cape Colony.

THE COLONIAL TROOPS.

London, 4th December. Sir Alfred Milner, the High Commissioner for Cape Colony, visited the Australian troops at Maitland Barracks, near Capetown, on November 28. Great enthusiasm prevailed on the occasion. The men have been supplied with Lee-Enfield rifles. Their equipment was largely in excess of the requirements of the Army Regulations, and much of it has been stored.

London, 5th December. The Australian Contingents have amalgamated their forces, and are commanded by Colonel J. O. Hoad, of the Victorian Contingent.

The New Zealand Contingent, under Major A. W. Robin, is at Nanuwepoort.

The Canadian and Australian troops, who recently arrived in South Africa will form a separate brigade under Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen. They were entrained at Capetown yesterday, and left amid frantic demonstrations of enthusiasm. Sir Alfred Milner, the Governor of Cape Colony, was present at the departure of the troops.

SEDITION IN NATAL.

London, 6th December. Mr. C. J. Labuschagne, a member of the Legislative Council of Natal for the county of Weenen, has been arrested on a charge of high treason. This specific act alleged against him is that he joined the Boers when they were at Estcourt.

London, 7th December. Mr. Pretorius, a member of the Natal House of Assembly, has been arrested on a charge of treason.

BRITISH PRISONERS AT PRETORIA.

London, 5th December. The British prisoners at Pretoria, who, according to a despatch received some weeks ago, were being well treated, are allowed to purchase beer and newspapers.

THE BASUTOS REASSURED.

London, 5th December. Accounts of the British victories at Grasspan and Modder River have greatly reassured the Basutos, who were uneasy on account of Boer plotting.

NURSES FOR THE WOUNDED WELCOMED BY THE QUEEN.

London, 6th December. The Queen has presented at Windsor Castle a Union Jack to a number of nurses who have offered their services in connection with the war in South Africa. In welcoming the nurses her Majesty remarked, "How sweet of you to care for my men."

MANUFACTURING SHELLS AT KIMBERLEY.

London, 6th December. The workshops at the De Beers mine, Kimberley, have been converted into an arsenal and are making shells.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL YULE INVALIDED.

London, 6th December. Brigadier-General Yule is returning to England on account of broken health.

COMMANDEERING OF ENGLISHMEN.

London, 7th December. Eleven Englishmen are being tried by court-martial at Ladysmith, near the south-eastern border of the Orange Free State, for refusing to be commandeered.

BOER SURVEYS AT MARITZBURG.

London, 7th December. It has transpired that General Joubert had a survey made of the country from the Natal frontier to Pietermaritzburg last spring.

COINING AT PRETORIA.

London, 7th December. The mint at Pretoria is coining £100,000 monthly, the gold being the result of crushings at the Bonanza, Robinson, and Ferrina Deep mines.

BRITISH BLOOD AND TREASURE NOT TO BE VAINLY SACRIFICED.

London, 7th December. Speaking at the Mercers' Hall last night, Mr. W. H. Long, president of the Board of Agriculture, said that the Government was determined that British blood and treasure should not be vainly sacrificed in South Africa.

DURATION OF THE WAR.

London, 7th December. Mr. J. B. Robinson, the South African millionaire, who is at present in Europe, considers that the fighting strength of the Boers is weakening. He believes that the war will soon be over.

PRESIDENT KRUGER'S ASPIRATION.

London, 8th December. Lord Loch, for six years Governor of Cape Colony and British High Commissioner in South Africa, referred to the situation in South Africa during the course of a speech at the Imperial Institute last night. He said that President Kruger often desired the independence of the Transvaal, and had aspired to the establishment of a navy. The speaker gave it as his opinion that the progress of settlement in South Africa must absorb the Republics.

MR. ROBERTSON ACQUITTED.

London, 8th December. Mr. Robertson (a friend of Mr. Cecil Rhodes), who was held by the Boers on a charge of illegally recruiting in Pretoria, has been acquitted. Mr. Robertson asserted that he was merely assisting in the removal of women and children from the Transvaal.

THE POSITION AT LADYSMITH.

London, 6th December. News from Ladysmith and Colenso states that the hills around those places are dotted with large guns. On the elevations surrounding Ladysmith twenty-six guns have been counted.

LADYSMITH.

There is no uneasiness regarding the position at Ladysmith. Numbers of the men amuse themselves at cricket, football, and rowing, and the Gordon Highlanders celebrated St. Andrew's Day according to the Scottish custom.

The searchlight apparatus, in use for the purpose of signalling from Frere to Ladysmith, was devised by Captain Scott of H.M.S. *Terrible*.

LADYSMITH WAS SAFE ON THE 5TH INST.

The situation is daily becoming more difficult. The bombardment by the enemy has done considerable damage.

The wounded have been removed from the hospital owing to the Geneva flags not being respected by the enemy. A shell burst in the vicinity of the building. One invalid was killed and nine others were wounded.

THE BATTLE OF MODDER RIVER.

London, 5th December. Later details amplify and in some respects modify the previous accounts of the Battle of Modder River fought last Tuesday by the 10,000 British, under Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen, and the Boers under General Cronje.

Fighting commenced at daybreak and continued without interruption till dusk. It is estimated that the enemy numbered 11,000, under General Cronje. His troops were entrenched in a semi-circular front extending over eight miles.

A fierce artillery duel occupied five hours. It then lapsed, and the Scots Guards, believing that Modder River town had been evacuated, advanced.

The evacuation of the town, however, was found not to have taken place, for as soon as the Guards left cover on their advance the enemy met them with a fire so terrible that they had to lie down.

The Scots Guards' Maxim was disabled and many men were killed.

In the afternoon the British made another forward movement.

An extended order the Scots Guards, supported on the right by the Grenadier Guards and the Coldstream Guards, and on the left by the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the Ninth Brigade, attempted to cross the plain towards the bridge.

Immediately the enemy poured an awful hail of bullets on the advancing British troops.

For two hours the attacking forces were coarserless, and many were literally mown down by the Boer sharpshooters posted on the northern bank and by machine guns.

When it was nearly dusk the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, still under a merciless fire, succeeded, although losing heavily, in forcing the Modder River, and despite the efforts of the enemy, they retained the position against a vastly superior force.

When night fell Lord Methuen had gained an indecisive victory.

Lord Methuen's staff considered that troops of the British Army never faced a severer and more sustained fire than they did in this battle.

Colonel Codrington (Coldstream Guards) and Captain V. C. M. Selheim, of the Queensland Defence, who was detailed for special service in South Africa, together with a dozen men of the Coldstreams, swam the Modder River in the face of a heavy fire from the enemy for the purpose of reconnoitring.

The men had almost reached the opposite bank when they were forced to retire. Joining hands the two officers swam back. Colonel Codrington became much exhausted and was nearly drowned.

The British guns did tremendous havoc amongst the Boers, compelling them to abandon their extensive entrenchments. During the night the town was evacuated by the enemy, who took their guns with them as they retired.

All the British troops crossed the river in the morning.

The search lights enabled the British to recover the wounded.

The Boers fought with steadiness. The enemy's shells the British ambulances, professing to be unacquainted with the significance of the Red Cross.

The Boers were hardly visible throughout the battle, and their rifle pits were protected by bullet-proof breastworks. The enemy had been occupied seven weeks in fortifying their position.

When the British infantry was within 80 yards of the Boers the enemy maintained a withering fire, lasting three hours. The British only advanced in short rushes, losing heavily whenever they rose from the ground. They gave a wonderful exhibition of undiminished courage.

Late in the afternoon the 62nd Battery arrived on the scene, after a 33-mile march, and, opening fire on the enemy, they silenced several of their guns. The shells produced a terrifying effect upon the Boers.

The enemy retreated upon Langeberg and Jacobadai, in the Orange Free State.

London, 5th December.

Further details of the battle at Modder River are to hand.

On several occasions during the progress of the fight the Boers collected under shelter of the Red Cross flag and fired from the position.

During the afternoon a party of about 200 Boers galloped off the field.

The marines made splendid practice with their field guns, and exploded shells in the midst of the fugitives.

During the fight a panic broke out amongst the Free State Artillery, which bolted from the field. The Transvaal forces accuse their allies of cowardice.

Harrowing scenes were witnessed on the battlefield, on the morning after the fight. Many Boers were hastily buried where they fell.

A number of buildings in the vicinity were filled with wounded Boers awaiting attention at the hands of the ambulance officers. The groans of the wounded were heartrending. The walls and roofs of the buildings were riddled with shot.

In one trench, from which the enemy had been driven at the point of the bayonet, three dead Highlanders were found. One of them had in his grasp the rifle of an enemy, from whom it had been wrested in a hand-to-hand encounter.

Prisoners who were brought into the British camp report that General Cronje whipped many Boer soldiers to prevent them from fleeing.

Examinations made by British Army surgeons show that the Boers used expensive dum-dum bullets.

London, 6th December. At the battle of Modder River the British troops were almost maddened by thirst. They could get no water because the watercarts were unable to approach the zone of fire on account of the awful hail of bullets.

General Cronje, who commanded the Boers, considered that the defences he had thrown up would be capable of withstanding the attack of the British for three weeks.

The Boer ammunition carriers to the firing line wore the red cross.

London, 6th December. Earl de la Warr, correspondent for *The Globe*, was nearly shot while assisting the wounded at Modder River.

London, 4th December. Major Count Glacken, of the Grenadier Guards, who was wounded at the battle of Modder River, has a bullet embedded in his neck.

London, 4th December. The Boers at Maritzburg sold the horses, ploughs, and carts of residents by auction, giving Transvaals three months' credit. They have commandeered all whites in Bechuanaland from the age of 14 years upwards.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

From a recent discussion by the British Astronomical Society, it appears that the cause of a much-observed phenomenon is still a mystery. The new theory was offered by Mr. Cecil J. Dolmage that the apparent enlargement of the moon is an effect of the sky's curvature, which is not noticed at the zenith but apparently increases toward the horizon. This recalled the many other suggestions of recent years. A Belgian astronomer has sought to prove that the cause is physiological, and that objects overhead always seem smaller than those at the same distance on a level; another idea is that the cause is atmospheric; still another, that the illusion is mental. About the only thing really proved is that measurement with the sextant shows the moon's disc to have the same size at the horizon as at the zenith, except for the slight influence of refraction.

German experiments suggest defective water gates as the cause of many—if not most—mysterious boiler explosions. Using a magnetic indicator, C. Remschel obtained an alarm of low water while the ordinary glass gauge showed four inches above the medium level. A defect in the tightness of the steam pipe leading to the top coat was found, and when this was remedied the water level in the glass fell six inches.

It has been assumed that the depth of unvarying temperature in the soil increases from 1 foot at the equator to 70 odd feet at the poles, yet a shaft in northern Siberia has reached a depth of 1,500 feet without getting through the frost. A western mining engineer explains that this may not disprove the theory, as the deep freezer may be a result of annual accumulations of sediment on unfrozen ground.

Coffee berries are coated with sugar by an English grower, the cheaper material increasing the weight from 5 to 10 per cent. In Germany the berry is so closely imitated by prepared maize that detection of the fraud is difficult, even on close inspection.

The full power of belfry bells is felt only through the use of great masses of metal, and it is estimated that the normal "la" of 870 simple vibrations, which is found in the centre of the keyboard of the piano, can be given only by a bell 3 feet in diameter and weighing about 1,000 pounds, while the deep "do" of 32 vibrations for the 32-foot organ pipe would require a bell 105 feet in diameter and weighing 17,500,000 pounds. The Harrington cylindrical bells with which experiments have been made in England during several years, are claimed to give very satisfactory results with much less metal. Any note required is given by a tube of constant diameter and thickness, the various tones and semi-tones differing only in length, and the possibility of obtaining notes with mathematical precision is an advantage of great importance in the tuning of chimes. The range is less than that of ordinary bells, increasing with the diameter thus far produced from 1 mile to 3 miles. Those tubes have a maximum length of 10 feet, and the saving in metal is illustrated by the statement that a tubular bell of 24-inches diameter, with a range of half a mile, weighs only 1,540 pounds, while one of the ordinary bells of the same range weighs 66,000. The difference in cost being that between \$1,200 and \$20,000.

A very few exceptions to the rule that animals live with their backs toward the sky and away from the earth are found by M. Henri Coudan. The larva of the beautiful floral beetle, whose winged existence is mostly spent near roses and other flowers, is the best example. This grub is a fat worm that does much damage to plant-roots in gardens. It has three pairs of legs seemingly designed for use, yet it creeps about grotesquely on its back, pushing itself forward six inches to a foot a minute by controllable increments of its segments aided by a mass of hairs. The aquatic world has its water-beetmen, or Notonectae, that always swim back downward. Among mammals are the sloths and other Edentates that spend most of their lives upside down, suspended from trees by their claws.

The banks of the Suez Canal are being protected from shifting by trees and shrubs. Reeds, at first shielded from the waves from passing reeds by fascines, have been placed along the banks of the canal proper and the whole length of the Sweetwater Canal. Plantations of Gamberry, irrigated from the Nile, are being established on the slopes.

The French idea that home-produced alcohol could be substituted for Russian and American light oils for driving motor-cars has not been encouraged by experiment. Analysis proves that the alcohol has only about one-half the caloric value of a mineral oil, with 45 times the oxygen, and its calorific value is little more than one-half. Tested in a Brichot horizontal engine of two to three horse-power and in a benz vertical motor of three to four horse-power, the new fuel showed nearly twice as great consumption as that of light oil. Even the price of the alcohol being double that of the light oil, it is calculated that in France the power yielded by \$1.00 of petroleum would cost the equivalent of \$1.75 from light oil, and at least \$5.50 from alcohol.

The "Jigger Flea" is a South African pest whose recent spread from the vicinity of Delagoa Bay to points further south has been brought to Government notice. It differs greatly from the ordinary flea, lacks the latter's agility, and attacks only the soles of the feet, into which it borrows holes and lays eggs therein. The results are liable to be very painful. Sanitary precautions have been recommended, and medical men at the various ports of the Cape have been requested to give the little invader their attention.

One of the water-mains of Turin—a ten-inch cast-iron pipe laid in 1858—was so incrustated in eight years that the delivering